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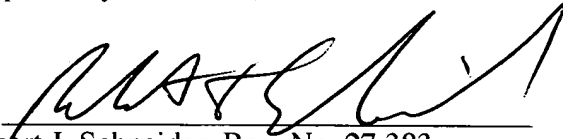
**REMARKS:**

By this Amendment, claims 1-11 currently pending in the international application have been amended, and new claims 12-20 have been added, in order to remove multiple dependency and to more clearly define the invention under U.S. rules.

The contents of the priority application Austrian App. Ser. No. A 1429/2002 filed September 24, 2002, and the international application PCT/AT03/00253 filed September 3, 2003, are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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